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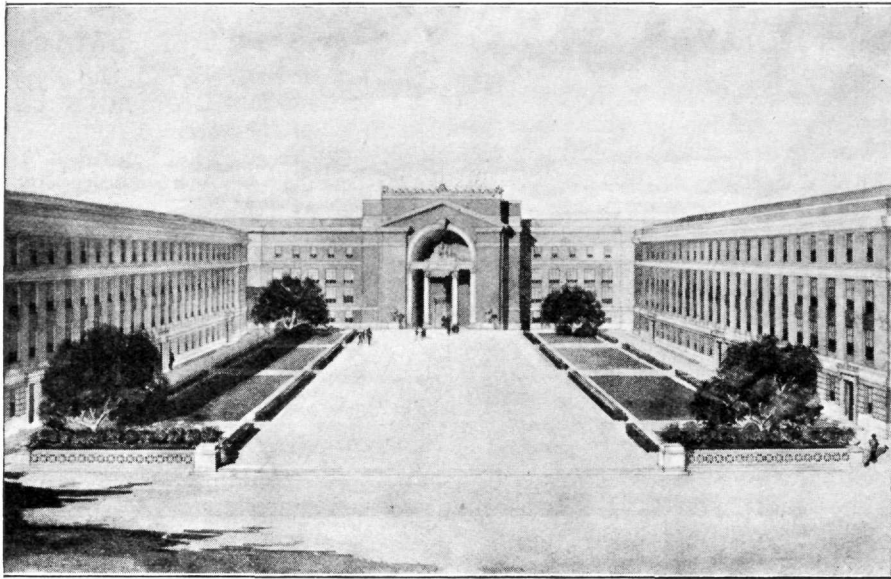
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Around the Quadrangle



With MERRILL WEED

Opinions

A deservedly popular statement of what is meant by the expression "educated man" is to the effect that he is one who refrains from making up his mind on any subject until he has examined it in a careful and unbiased manner.

That conception of education is recommended when opinions are being so freely expressed on such subjects as

The junior college

Compulsory military training

Prohibition

The morals and manners of young people

Of course one's position, if a stand must be taken at any time, will depend on the resultant of the impressions formed to date. At the risk of being accused of lack of information on some matters, I may say that, in the light of my observations up to the present time, I believe

Prohibition, with its admitted evils, is better than conditions as they used to be, and preferable to any other plan that has been suggested

Military training in college has little value other than improving the gait and carriage of some of our more awkward students

Young people are about as good as they ever were, and perhaps better than at some periods in our history

The LIBERAL is an amateurish disappointment

The FREE VOICE, while not quite so hopeless as the LIBERAL, is lacking in the restraint and mellowness that make writing delightful and effective

The supposedly new "Youth Movement" or "Revolt of Modern Youth" is really as old as the hills

The acquiring of a "liberal education" depends on the acquirer, and on the way in

which the subjects are taught, not on the subjects themselves

There. They are admittedly inconsistent. But not incompatible. Just why one's opinions must be definitely of a "liberal" or "conservative" nature I am unable to say; I cannot see why a failure to endorse compulsory military training implies, of course, a condemnation of the eighteenth amendment. These positions are admittedly personal, and may indicate ignorance of the rules of the game, just as erratic bidding at bridge is pretty good evidence of lack of experience in playing. Like most men I must admit that my "one no trump" is usually intended rather than informative.

Presidents

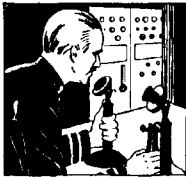
Another sign of inconsistency, perhaps, but a perfectly honest position so far as I personally am concerned, is my suggestion for the national ticket at the next election. Herbert Hoover for president, Norman Thomas for vice-president. Of course, it is impracticable. A deep-seated loyalty to Hoover and a feeling that he has accomplished much against heavy odds, and a sincere admiration for Norman Thomas actuate this unprecedented linking of candidates. Perhaps when the idea is studied it will not seem so preposterous, at least so far as the welfare of the country is concerned. It is admittedly inept politically—but then I am not a politician.

President Hoover is blamed, by people who should know better, for the current depression, and for countless other irritating things about our national and international life. The tariff was a disappointment; I am sorry he couldn't see his way clear to veto the whole sorry mess of it. But the engineering way of conducting affairs through patient assembling of the facts (usually

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The crime wave, too, strikes a breakwater



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by the commissions that we've been hearing about) is the sensible way of doing business, even for our notoriously unbusiness-like government.

Are Students People?

Getting a little closer to the quadrangle, I should like to praise Professor John Younger's class in industrial engineering that I had the pleasure of attending the other day. Two bankers gave a most interesting demonstration of the way that a small merchant applies for a temporary loan. Then one of the students inquired about the bankers' reaction toward a plea for a small amount of money to finish college, and was asked to try presenting his case to the credit manager. Without embarrassment this young man took the chair, made his impromptu application in very creditable fashion—and was turned down.

Association, such as prevails in the Industrial Engineering Department, of the students with the faculty members, on a familiar, yet respectful basis, appears to be the finest kind of training for easy and pleasant manners when captains of industry and business leaders must be interviewed. It is important, I believe, for the boy to learn to sit, naturally and comfortably—I didn't in any way imply slouch—for his conference. Business men are gentlemen, not martinets who demand that their visitors stand quaking at attention. The only way to train a student to be a gentleman is always treat him as one.

Books

I have just bought and have been reading a book that is attractively bound and has a fascinating green cover. You would never guess its title. UNCLE TOM'S CABIN. It is surprisingly interesting and modern, even to having some remarks of 1931 pessimism in the last chapter, though it was published, if I remember my history correctly, in 1852. The type is rather small, for they wrote long books in those days, just as now, but it's well worth a dollar for anyone's library.

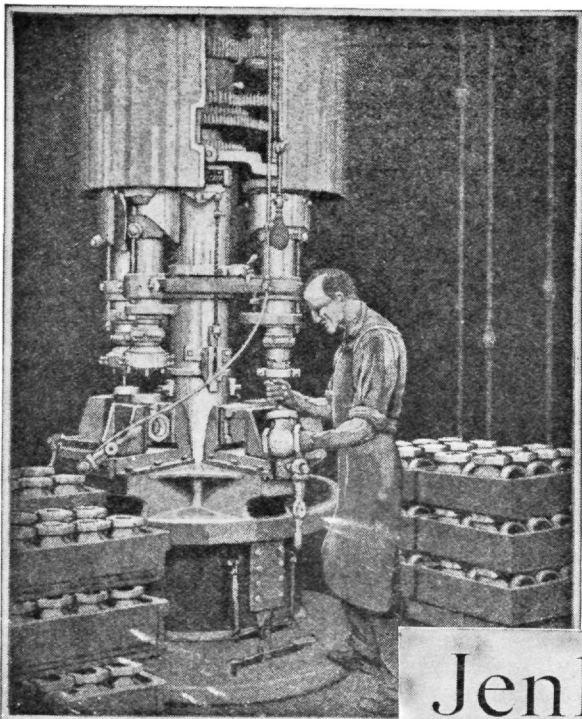
A pleased perusal of "Sex Madness" which appeared in the FORUM of last November caused me to buy Dr. Logan Clendening's big book, THE HUMAN BODY. I am disappointed. Any man who can write as fascinatingly as the doctor has a heavy responsibility, and his flippancy in certain parts of the book is failure to measure up to this responsibility. There is some justification for making light of such things as diet fads, but his characterization of sex as the hugest joke in the universe is inexcusable. The price has been reduced to \$2.50, making this one of the cheapest books per pound on the market.

That awful west wind. Ad in Toledo paper, "new hosiery for Easter and a new pair of shoes, that's all you'll need."

It may be all that's needed in Toledo but not on this campus.

Old Lady at the Zoo—"Is that a man eating lion?"

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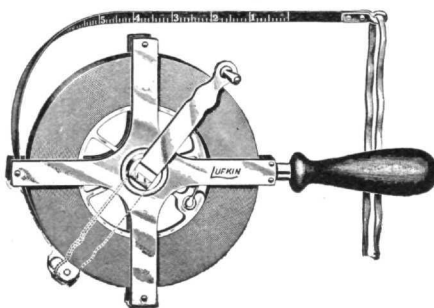
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